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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lampshire

SUBJECT : External Research Program

After looking over the report of the External Research Program and budget for fiscal year 1960 I am impressed again with the high value the Intelligence Community is getting in return for a very modest investment. You may not be aware that I was involved in the CIA Planning that set up this arrangement in 1948, and have therefore followed its development with considerable interest. Not only has the Intelligence Community received concrete help in the form of research performed both on contract and for normal academic purposes without a thought of any possible Intelligence utility, but in addition the External Research Staff has provided a broad channel of very fine communications between the Intelligence Community and the academic world.

I believe that it is partially due to the work of the External Research Division that the reputation of the Intelligence Community has improved throughout the academic world and that we have received other indirect bonuses in the form of better recruiting, and more enlightened cooperation in other matters.

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